

217-235 AD

St. Hippolytus, the first Antipope:
he was reconciled to the Church while
in prison during persecution in 235 AD.

Callistus was elected Pope
the Slave of a prominent Roman
Callistus was freed from his bondage
in 199. He was made deacon
by POPE ZEPHYRINUS.

Callistus was denounced by
his enemy HIPPOLYTUS who
set himself up as Antipope. He
condemned Callistus for being

too beset with heretics and
sinners.

Callistus was killed in an
uprising in 222, so, is
considered a martyr.

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Murder of Caracalla

Accession of MACRINUS

Autumn 217

The Parthians had mustered a powerful army and were advancing in strength on the Roman position. The two forces met near NISIBIS in northern Mesopotamia but in a hard-fought battle neither side gained the upper hand. To avoid peace negotiations agreed to pay the Parthians the enormous sum of two million

restorces. This ruined Maccus's standing
with the troops & it went down
further when he removed some of
the privileges granted them by Cæculla